

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**OKANOGAN COUNTY****JANUARY 12, 2020**

The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners met in Regular session at 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington on January 12, 2021, with; Chairman, Commissioner Chris Branch; Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Andy Hover; Member, Commissioner Jim DeTro and the Clerk of the Board, Laleña Johns, present.

Motion Executive Session RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)

Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 9:15 a.m. for 15 minutes inviting Planning Director Pete Palmer and Chief Civil Deputy David Gecas to discuss legal matters to which the county may be or become a party. Commissioner Hover amended his motion to go into executive session after other staff have given their update. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioners Staff Meeting

Maurice Goodall, Naomie Peasley, David Gecas

Mr. Goodall updated the board on the weather issues, snow has knocked out the power in some areas. The TV District tower is down on Omak Mt. and collapsed. He's been in touch with George Thornton of the district and tribe. It could be an emergency situation since it has the First Nations broadcast the delivers. The problem is getting up there now to fix it. Mr. Goodall will push the information out to people. Phone services were down in the Oroville area and people are contacting him to inquire why it took so long to repair. Heavy winds may pick up this evening, so there may be some issues due to that.

Naomie Peasley gave her update of the Fairgrounds

Update Human Resources/Risk Management Tanya Craig

Ms. Craig explained the Grant application for Public Defense is ready for commissioners' signature. The union Agreement for Professional/Technical/ Clerical Employees is also ready for signature.

Executive Session RCW 42.30.110 (1)(f)

Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 10:00 for 20 minutes inviting Tanya Craig, the Clerk of the Board and Naomie Peasley to discuss complaints brought against a public employee. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried. Note: The employee was asked if she wished to hear the complaint in open session, and the reply was that it was preferred to be in open session, but either way was alright.

Executive Session ended at 10:20 a.m. no decisions were made.

Executive Session RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g)

Commissioner Hover moved to go into executive session at 10:20 for 15 minutes inviting Tanya Craig, and Naomie Peasley to discuss the performance of a public employee. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Executive session ended at 10:35 a.m. No decisions were made.

CANCELLED Update County Auditor Cari Hall

The commissioners cancelled the auditor's update.

Commissioners discussed the County's Capital Improvement Plan update as Commissioner Hover provided a draft to departments for review and input.

Motion Agreement Professional/Technical/Clerical Employees-Teamsters Local Union 760

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the agreement between Okanogan County and Teamsters Local Union 760 regarding Professional/Technical/Clerical Employees for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Motion Agreement-Public Defense Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funds

Commissioner Hover moved to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the agreement between Okanogan County and the Office of Public Defense Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funds in the amount of \$50,000. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Motion Oroville Rural EMS District

Commissioner Hover moved to adjourn as the BOCC and reconvene as the Oroville Rural EMS District. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the Voucher certification and authorize the Oroville Rural EMS District vouchers to be paid in the amount of \$9,680 for December. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Hover moved to adjourn as the Oroville Rural EMS District and Reconvene as the Tonasket EMS District. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

Motion Tonasket EMS District

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the Voucher certification and authorize the Tonasket EMS District vouchers to be paid in the amount of \$16,200 to Life Line for December Services. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Hover moved to adjourn as the Tonasket EMS District and Reconvene as the BOCC. Motion was seconded all were in favor, motion carried.

Update Public Works-Engineer Josh Thomson

Kent Kovalenko

Engineer Thomson provided his agenda and discussed the items listed there.

Douglas County Recyclables Processing Fee

Mr. Kovalenko stated a few boxes of recyclables have been received hauled from Douglas County to our facility. It takes quite a bit of time to process and so he would like to develop a fee for Douglas County debris. A price will be established and brought back for commissioners' consideration. It is not our contract and it is not our waste. The only other place they could bring the waste is in Wenatchee or E. Wenatchee.

CCT Request to Waive Tipping Fees for 94A Salmon Ck Rd Illegal Dumping Cleanup

Mr. Kovalenko explained a request from the Tribe on new and reoccurring illegally dumped garbage from the Salmon Creek Property. This is new garbage from the property that has happened since it has been cleaned up. Commissioners suggested a security camera be installed to catch illegal dumping and to deter people. Commissioner Branch would like to have a conversation with the Tribe about it.

Cold Springs & Palmer Fires-Resolution to Extend Tipping Fee Waiver

A draft resolution was prepared to extend the waiver, language now includes "non-asbestos"

materials.

Motion Resolution 8-2021 Waiving Disposal Fees Palmer and Cold Springs Fire Debris

Commissioner Hover moved to approve resolution 8-2021 waiving tipping fees for Palmer and Cold Springs fire debris until March 31, 2021. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

WACSWM Legislative Update

Two bills are of interest before the legislature for this session, one is a carbon tax. Trying to get publicly held landfills exempt from this because the older landfills with closed cells producing gas have no way to capture. Would like municipal landfills to be exempt. The other is regarding litter cleanup funds. The state wants to use those funds at any time for homeless camp clean-up along the highways. If the funds are not used here it can be diverted for that use. His concern is that funds will be taken away from counties for a use somewhere else. Looking at the bills as to whether or not to support or oppose. Commissioner Branch asked if WSAC has taken these on and would like to know.

Maintenance & Road Conditions

Engineer Thomson explained preparations for weather and wind.

Cold Spring Fire ER Funds Approval

Engineer Thomson stated ER Funds were approved for Cameron Lake Road \$30,000 already incurred that will be reimbursed. Guardrail replacement at around \$20,000 will also be covered on the road. No other information from FEMA as to what they will cover.

CRAB 2021 Road Levy Certification

February 1 is the due date for returning the CRAB Levy Certification. It requires the chairman's signature.

Motion CRAB Levy Certification

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the CRAB 2021 Levy Certification and authorized the chairman to sign. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Road Crew Shops-Architecture RFQ Effective 2021 through 2022)

Engineer Thomson explained the Tonasket Shop has not yet been annexed to the City of Tonasket. Commissioner Branch thought a conversation with Kurt Danison would be needed. An easement would have affected our ability to build a new shop so a conversation will be needed.

Commissioners were agreeable with the draft RFQ for architectural services. The architectural contract is on hold until the process timeline is met. Departments that need use of architectural services should contact the Engineer to work out the process.

Consent Agenda Items

Engineer Thomson went over the items listed on the consent agenda that have to do with Public Works.

Commissioners adjourned until 3:00 p.m.

Board of Health Meeting at 1234 2nd Ave S, Okanogan

Commissioners attended the Board of Health Meeting.

Discussion-Okanogan County Pest Control Board

Assessor Larry Gilman, Al Seccomb, Brent Buskirk, Dan McCarthy, Jason Secretary

Commissioner DeTro explained the Tri-County Pest Board idea being explored for Okanogan County to join with Chelan Douglas County Pest Board. If we did join how would we come up with the

\$130,000 contribution.

Jason read the motion that was passed. USHA recommends the dropping of the per acre assessment to be consistent with the way other counties are assessed. Douglas County and Chelan County assessment was discussed. Dan McCarthy stated there is a motion to adopt the Okanogan County method of Assessment in Douglas County and Chelan County. Commissioners would like to see all three counties be consistent.

As the past members of the Okanogan County Pest board are they comfortable with commissioners going forward with a Tri-County Pest Board and increase the assessment consistent with the way Chelan and Douglas county assess here in Okanogan County.

Commissioner DeTro stated since Dan McCarthy has been pest agent there has never been an Apple Maggot fine in the commercial orchards.

There are about 46,000 parcels in Okanogan county said Larry Gilman but there are some senior exemptions and tribal parcels that would not be included. Commissioner Hover said a conversation with Douglas and Chelan County should happen to establish an interlocal agreement.

Dan McCarthy stated it would be his recommendation not to charge orchard acres but to follow what the weed board does. Al said in order to accomplish what we need the assessment will need to be raised one way or another. Commissioner DeTro stated we are mandated to have a pest board and we don't there are many non-profits that cannot apply for grants or funds. If we did go with the tri county we already have some candidates a list was provided by Will Carpenter via email.

Larry Gilman said he we already have other types of joint district/County boards, so he doesn't see a problem with it. Dan McCarthy suggested whatever the agreement is revisit it as an annual contract to be able to get out of it to provide our own program. He hopes the Pest fund reserve would not become part of the deal.

There are three scenarios for revenue the BOCC will need to discuss and sort out. Commissioner Hover does not think a flat rate on every parcel would benefit everyone.

Larry Gilman advised if new parcels are incorporated those would meet the August 1 deadline and recommended the BOCC meet the deadline regardless.

Commissioner DeTro stated the only quarantined area right now is the Methow Valley. There is hawthorn throughout the county. Commissioner Hover stated if we move forward with this but we should talk with Douglas county to ensure everyone is on the same page.

Kevin Overbay is the contact in Chelan County and Marc Straub in Douglas County. Both of those counties would gain a benefit because they're rates would likely go down to \$130,000.

Dan McCarthy stated one thing to justify is that the tree fruit industry generates millions of dollars of revenue within the county. He stated the ranchers may speak up because they felt they do not benefit. However, the orchardists pay into the weed board fund and receive no benefit from that so should the ranchers pay into the pest board even if they do not receive a benefit. It is the cost of doing business and it is still lower in Okanogan County than most other areas.

Larry Gilman stated a decision on what to include and what not to include, how to deal with reservation and senior one exemption. Senior one has \$15,000 annual income, Senior two is \$23,000 annual income and Senior three is \$30,000 annual income with each having certain perks. Commissioner Hover asked if the info could be emailed on what acres are being assessed for the weed board. Commissioners would like the approved Chelan-Douglas County Pest Board minutes for the record even if they are not approved until February.

Commissioners discussed interviewing the people wishing to serve on Okanogan County Pest Board. The Clerk of the Board is to contact the interested parties and ask for letters of interest. Commissioner Branch will contact Commissioners Straub and Overbay to discuss the tri county idea.

Commissioner Hover asked Dan McCarthy to discuss with him some information as the BOCC moves forward so the board is prepared to answer questions constituents may have.

Discussion WSU Memorandum of Agreement-Kayla Wells Moses

Ms. Wells-Moses explained the meeting is to get the Appendix signed for the 4H Coordinator which allows WSU to charge the county for the salary in the amount \$41,341

Ms. Wells-Moses provided the 1987 Memorandum of Agreement as well as the DRAFT of the new template that has been shared with the County Directors and where they would like to go. If there are any changes suggested then WSU would need to accept those.

Ms. Wells-Moses provided a letter of approval to the 4H Coordinator for Overtime eligibility. (attached)

Motion MOU Appendix with WSU Extension for 4H Coordinator

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the MOU Appendix A with WSU Extension for 4H Coordinator in the amount of \$41,351. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Motion

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the Midwest Card and ID Solutions Maintenance Agreement and for the annual costs of \$2,760 and authorized the Chairman to sign. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Approve Commissioners Proceedings January 4 & 5, 2021

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the January 4, 2021 and January 5, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Approve Consent Agenda

Commissioner Hover moved to approve the consent agenda items 1-10 as presented. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

1. Contract County Wide Guardrail Safety Project JR Construction
2. Agreement-2020 Gravel Crushing/Supply Project Materials Testing-N.C. Testing & Inspect., LLC
3. Agreement-Affordable Housing Funds-Housing Authority of Okanogan County
4. Agreement-Affordable Housing Funds-Okanogan Community Homeless Shelter
5. Agreement-Homeless Housing Funds-Housing Authority of Okanogan County
6. Agreement-Homeless Housing Funds-Room One
7. Agreement-Homeless Housing Funds-Okanogan Behavioral Healthcare
8. Agreement-Homeless Housing Funds-The Support Center
9. Agreement-Homeless Housing Funds-Okanogan Community Homeless Shelters
10. Resolution 2-2021 Road Restrictions for 2021
11. Resolution 4 - 2021 Road Log Changes
12. Resolution 5 - 2021 Plans Provisions & Spec Driskell to Verestar

The board adjourned at 4:30 p.m.